

A clear example of the danger of media consolidation is evident by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. .

Since Sinclair uses public airwaves at no charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, we get to see more of what they want and not necessarily what is beneficial for our democracy. We should be able to see programs that have a relationship with our community and present fair and unbiased content. Such programs would help to solidify a highly divided country.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.